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SUBJECT: HONDURAN ATTENDANCE AT UNGA TBD; 9/11-15 PACKED  
WITH EVENTS FOR CENTAM PRESIDENTS/FOREIGN MINISTERS

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¶1. PolChief discussed Honduran attendance at the upcoming UN General Assembly (UNGA) with Honduran Foreign Minister Mario Fortin August 4. The discussion followed Acting PolChief's demarche on the same subject with MFA Acting Director General (A/DG) of Foreign Relations Alan Javier Oviedo Garcia July 8.

¶2. Fortin noted that the Central American Presidents/Foreign Ministers would be very busy September 11-15 with the following Central American summits:

- September 11-12 with Korean President/FM in Costa Rica, and
- September 13 with Brazilian President/FM in Guatemala,

as well as Central American Independence Day on September 15.

As such, Honduran President Ricardo Maduro had not yet decided if he would attend UNGA. FM Fortin plans to attend UNGA, but his itinerary is dependent on President Maduro's plans.

¶3. Fortin promised to inform the Embassy once the GOH's attendance at UNGA was decided.

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